

A summary from the WeCAN Meeting held at Westfield City Services Center on
February 25, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

Disclaimer: I hope you will find these notes helpful. They are not a complete representation of the meeting, but rather the highlights of topics discussed. Feel free to contact Zach or Erin at the Westfield City Services Center: communications@westfield.in.gov or (317) 804-3013 if you have any questions.

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Agenda:

- I. Introductions around the room – Jim Ake
 - A. Program Idea List Handouts for Ranking
 - B. New Staff Member: Zach Burton – Communications Specialist
 - C. New Staff Member: Rhonda Daly - Hospitality Coordinator
- II. Q and A with Mayor Cook
- III. Jake Brakes
- IV. Citizens Water and Waste Water transition – Citizens Representatives
Shannon Stahley and Randy Edgemon
- V. Community and Neighborhood Safety – Police Chief Joel Rush
- VI. Storm Water Management – Ken Alexander
- VII. Announcements and Wrap up - Jim Ake



I. Introductions

Jim Ake began the meeting at 7:00 p.m. All present introduced themselves.

Zach Burton and Rhonda Daly introduced themselves and discussed their roles.

Rhonda talked about hospitality initiative, giving out some important dates:

March 14th - Event with boys soccer
March 21st - Girls weekend
April 19th - Mayor throws out first pitch
June 20, 21, 22 - Grand Opening Weekend

Council President Ake then distributed the program idea list to be ranked by those in attendance.

II. Q & A with Mayor Cook

Mayor Andy Cook gave updates on city activities, including PW projects with potholes and snow. Also discussed working with INDOT on US 31 projects and closures.

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III. Jake Brakes

Mayor Cook also addressed "Jake brakes" because of a letter from a resident. They are noisy. Problem should go away when stoplights go away.

IV. Citizens Representatives

Council President Ake introduced Shannon Stahley and Randy Edgemon from Citizens Water. Joe Plankis of Centennial had a question about meters for hydrants. People also wanted to know about billing. Citizens bills will be separate, will be on the same operating schedule as the city's. Citizens will have a letter going out explaining things. Customer accounts will not change for people paying online. Storm and trash will come from the City, the rest will be Citizens. Trying to make the transition low-impact on the customers.

For first 12 months, residents can still pay at City Services building. There will be a drop box for both Citizens and the City.

Same formulas for billing will be used that were established by the Council.

Jim Ake also cautioned people on paying attention to water usage and how it can affect your bill.

V. Public Safety – Police Chief Joel Rush

Police Chief Joel Rush updated the WeCAN members on public safety. Spoke about the double homicide and its impact on the department and community. Distributed a UCR 9 Year Comparison to participants. Distributed crash data report. Distributed a home security inspection checklist.

VI. Storm Water Management – Ken Alexander

Ken Alexander and Sheila McKinley from (Christopher Burke) gave a presentation regarding Stormwater Utility and its impact on the community. Distributed presentation to attendees. Westfield is in lower 1/3 in ERU averages. SU fees will pay for projects like Sycamore and Birch Streets.

VII. Announcements and Wrap-Up

Council President Jim Ake announced that he would be collecting the handouts for program ideas. He thanked all for attending and concluded the meeting at 8:34 PM.

The next WeCAN meeting is on **Tuesday, March 25th, at 7pm** at the Westfield City Services Center located at 2728 E. 171st Street.

If you have any topic suggestions or issues that you have questions on, please don't hesitate to contact us at communications@westfield.in.gov. For updated announcements and information from the past meetings, please visit the WeCAN Website: www.westfield.in.gov – under the "Community Links" tab.